

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 6th 2005

Radio Theory Examination

The first examination under the multiple-choice format has now been confirmed for the 18th of January 2006. This examination will be conducted by the IRTS and will be held in the offices of ComReg in Dublin 1. Details of the examination together with a sample paper are now available on the IRTS website at www.irts.ie Hard copy of the material may also be obtained from Sean Donelan EI4GK at QTHR.

Intending candidates for the January sitting of the Theory Examination should register their interest with Derek O'Reilly at ComReg, Abbey Court, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1, telephone 01 8049769 or by email to "Derek dot oreilly at comreg.ie".

Mayo Rally

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network Rally will be held on Sunday November the 20th at the usual venue, the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Bookings for accommodation should be made directly with the hotel. The rate is 50 Euro per person with a special all-in rate of 70 Euro for Bed & Breakfast and evening meal. Traders or clubs wishing to book exhibition space at the Mayo Rally are asked to contact Padraic Baynes EI9JA on 087 6957154 evenings only or by e-mail to "ei9ja at eircom dot net".

Jamboree On The Air

Groups who participated in JOTA are asked to submit reports to Sean O'Suilleabhain EI3IP, National JOTA Organiser at Scouting Ireland, Larch Hill, Dublin 16 or by E-mail to "jota at scouts dot ie". The report form is downloadable from the Scouting Ireland Radio Scouting Web page at www.scouts.ie/jota All reports received will be used in compiling the National Report for the WOSM in Geneva. Reports should if possible include photographs and press cuttings.

Limerick Radio Club

The next club meeting of the Limerick Radio Club will be held on this coming Thursday, the 10th of November in the Limerick Institute of Technology at 19:30 hrs. A practical demonstration on Audio DSP (digital signal processing) using the clubs Icom 756 Pro and a laptop will take place. All are welcome. The Limerick Radio Clubs 70-centimetre repeater is presently on a temporary site while some modifications are carried out. It should be back on its high site before the end of November.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The 2005 Annual General Meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Raheen House Hotel, Raheen Road Clonmel on Thursday the 10th of November 2005 at 8 p.m. sharp.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group recently participated in JOTA from the 1st Port of Waterford Sea Scouts in Waterford City. This was a great success and scouts had the opportunity of operating VHF, HF, APRS and John EI7IG gave a demonstration of satellite operation. Gareth EI7FZB, Nicky EI3JB, John EI7IG, John EI8JA and Mark EI7IS participated in the event. The club would like to thanks the Sea Scouts for their assistance and Waterford Institute of Technology Amateur Radio Society for supplying the HF rig.

On Thursday the 17th of November, Practical Wireless editor, Rob Mannion G3XFD / EI5IW will visit the club. The venue has yet to be organised and more information will be available on www.searg.com shortly. All are welcome to attend.

Cork Radio Club

On Monday the 7th of November in Cork Radio Club Premises, Con (EI7DJB) will give a talk on his recent trip to Egypt, filming there and how to get the best from your camcorder, how to edit your footage and add sound and effects the easy way.

Space News

In a report issued by the SSETI Express Project Manager it was stated that the SSETI Express student microsatellite mission has been a remarkable success, achieving its

two first mission objectives and a number of important milestones. However, due to a failure in the electrical power system on board, the spacecraft is inoperable and mission control is on "standby".

There is a possibility of recovery, the likelihood of which is being assessed at the moment. The educational goals of the project continue to be met by the student teams who are still working hard to analyse and understand all available data, such that the lessons learned can be applied to future missions.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051 853806 or 087 6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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